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Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:50 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Enbridge comment

Dear Mr. Hartman,

In regard to the Enbridge's application for a permit to construct a pipeline which would travel through Minnesota lakes country:

I have great concerns especially about traveling through the lake and wetland areas in Minnesota. Why? We rely on water sources for many things – recreation, drinking water, irrigating, wildlife and especially tourism. I work in tourism and one active group that promotes visitor travel to the Detroit Lakes/Park Rapids/Walker/Itasca Park areas is the Lake Country Scenic Byway. The headwaters at Itasca State Park is one area we encourage people to visit, it's a world attraction! To place a pipeline near the source of a river that travels more than 2000 miles to the Gulf of Mexico is not right. This is a pristine area – for thousands of wildlife and plant species and for visitors – and to risk the devastating effects of even one spill is just not reasonable thinking. It would go beyond environmental harm to economic impacts.

My suggestion is to find another route that doesn't travel through the lakes country – at all.

Thank you,

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